



## Debate & Speech Teams Audible

One of the most influential and popular extra-curricular activities at Shaker is the Debate and Speech Team. This is especially true this year. Besides having one of the largest turnouts ever, with over 40 students participating, this year's edition is clearly a superior team, with high hopes, and the ability to achieve them. Even at this early point in the speaking season, this team is showing that they are very capable of defending their first place trophy from the District championship of last year, and even going farther than that.

The major strength of this year's team is clearly the Debate team. Composed in itself of over 25 members, this team shows an excellent balance of experienced and beginning debaters. In the two top levels of debating this year, the varsity team, led by Captain Bruce Griffin, has hammered out an excellent record for itself. Henry Strater, the Debate Coach, says, "The varsity can be state champions!" This hope is echoed by many of the varsity team, and is

backed up by their performance so far this year. The lower divisions have also done well. Many novice debaters have already shown the ability to debate in the higher levels. The competition between them is so great that not everyone is able to debate each week. The debate team has shown great competence and depth so far this year, and it has every indication of improving even more as the season progresses.

The Individual Events portion of the Speech team has also come on very strong this year. A strong suit of this year's team is the extemporaneous speaking event, both men's and women's. They have great depth in this event with many competent speakers. This is also true of Prose and Poetry, Duet Acting, and Humorous Interpretation. They have also done well in both Dramatic and Original Oratory, but they have suffered from a lack of people in these events.

So far this season the Speech

team has fared well. At one memorable debate, at Parma, the Debate team took first place in three categories, and second in the other category. The Individual Events team took over half of the first place trophies, and won many of the other trophies offered. While they haven't equaled this momentous feat since, they still have shown superiority over many of the other teams in this area.

A novel feature of this year's Debate team is the acquisition of a National Forensic League charter. They have been trying to get one for almost 15 years. This enables them to gain more recognition, and offers them another chance at an important championship and the N.F.L. trophy.

The Debate and Speech team has shown that they have an excellent team this year. It has great depth and talent. If anything, this year's edition is superior to last year's championship team. With a little luck, there is no telling how far this team will go.

By Bruce Rosenbaum

## Athletic and Academic Leadership

Do you know what GLC stands for?

No, not Great Little Car - Girls' Leaders Club!

Shaker's Girls' Leaders Club is open to any girl with an interest, active or otherwise, in athletics. Membership requirements are very simple: a prospective leader has merely to pass a comprehensive test covering the rules of one of the girls' fall sports. This accomplished, the new leader is officially inducted into the Club at the Fall Awards Banquet, when she is given her whistle. The Club membership this year is a mixture of around 20 sophomores, juniors, and seniors representing just about every varsity (and junior varsity) sport. The girls meet after school on Fridays.

GLC is basically a service organization. It has just recently concluded a fund-raising drive in

order to raise money for its Scholarship Fund. Through this fund, a scholarship is awarded at the end of each school year to a graduating, college-bound senior who has been outstanding in her leadership of, and participation in, girls' athletics at Shaker. The proceeds of the annual Leaders' candy sale each spring also go to the Scholarship Fund. GLC also tries to get as many students as possible involved in athletics through intramurals. The Club offers volleyball competition at this level for both coed and all-girl teams, and basketball for girls. Individual leaders are responsible for officiating at these games, which are usually held on a regular basis Wednesdays after school, are encouraged to participate on a team, and are expected to drum up support for the program in general. In an effort to

involve as many students as possible, each team can have only three Leaders, or Varsity or J.V. athletes in that particular sport, on its roster. Intramurals begin on Wednesday, December 14 with Girls' Volleyball competition; coed volleyball and girls basketball being offered later on. The team with the best record will have the chance to defend their title against an all-star faculty team.

Who are the Leaders? Faye Perryman, president; Jane Morgolius, vice president; Renee Deale, secretary; Ruth Leo, social chairman; Jean Jackson, Terri Masters, Sue Netherton, Terrikay Tucker, Nancy Brucken, Patti Colley, Mimi Farmer, Paula Hooper, Sue Mellin, Ava Senkfor, Heidi Zetzer, Ellen McWilliams, Miriam Pickus, Liffy Sopher and Rebecca Wells.

By Sue Mellin

## J.C.W.A. IN OPENING SESSION

By Jim Scharf

"Point of order, Mr. President, the delegate from Iran is clearly dilatory! What, my point is not accepted by the chair? I appeal your decision... My appeal is not recognized? That is the straw that broke the camel's back; I have no other choice but to walk out!"

Where would one go to witness such a spectacle? Visit a Model U.N. Conference of course. This is what the Junior Council of World Affairs is all about. This year's club is led by President, Rob

Milman; Vice-president, Cecelle Berry; secretary, Marc Krantz; treasurer, Jim Rubin; and Mark Edelman, housing chairman.

The purpose of the J.C.W.A. is to simulate the United Nations. At each event (there are three Model U.N. Conferences a year), each participating school represents a U.N. member nation. At the last conference, Shaker represented the African nation of Benin. Attending the model U.N. at

Gannon College in Erie, Pennsylvania were students Rob Milman, Jim Rubin, Jim Scharf, Anne Delvalle and Carl Groppe.

The next Model United Nations will be held in Washington, D.C. during the last week of February. If you are interested in joining J.C.W.A. and participating in this conference, please attend the weekly Thursday afternoon meetings which are held in room 257 at 3:35 p.m.

## SHAKERITE Student Council poll RESULTS

By Ellen Medearis

The Shakerite, throughout the week of November 28 through December 2, conducted a poll in the Advisory groups, concerning the role and importance of Student Council in the eyes of Shaker students. 500 polls were sent out, and 315 students replied to the poll. The questions and responses are as follows:

1. Do you participate in electing Student Council members?

	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
a) yes	101	89	59	249
b) no	28	22	10	60

2. Do you vote according to -

a) merit	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
	45	39	38	122

b) Familiar names or personalities -

Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
49	50	15	144

c) Personal friendship

Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
14	13	6	33

3. What do you consider to be the function of Student Council?

a) to organize social events

Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
23	16	3	42

b) work with administration to further academic and social interests of students.

Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
91	95	63	249

4. If you selected 3b do you think Student Council has been generally

1) successful

Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
55	43	34	132

b) unsuccessful

Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
53	57	27	137

5. If you selected 4b do you think Council can be improved?

Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
66	53	30	149

b) no

Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
3	4	2	9

c) no longer serves purpose

Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
6	4	3	13

6. Have you attended Student Council meetings

Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
10	19	16	45

b) no

Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
124	92	50	266

c) role

Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
8 onlooker	5 onlooker	3 onlooker	

1 A.G. representative

Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
1 member	8 members	7 members	

1 member

Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
39	68	54	161

b) VP

Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
25	42	38	105

c) Treas

Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
13	12	12	37

d) Sec

Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
11	11	16	38

Milligan

General observations are that the Sophomore class is surprisingly aware of the Student Council Officers in spite of the fact that they are newer to Shaker than other students. The council is elected in an encouraging way, for the greater part of the students state that they elect the members of Council according to merit. Although the Council was not resoundingly criticized, the perhaps most encouraging aspect is that students believe that Council can be improved. This reflects the fact that though council has made mistakes and has at times been unsatisfactory, it is believed that the members are competent and see their mistakes and can make Student Council a better organization. Lastly, two aspects that may disappoint all members of Shaker High, one that the students are not aware of the students who represent them and that two, many students do not care enough to answer this poll.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

By Edith McGandy

Basketball, Garfield HOME 6:45	December 16
Swim meet, Cleveland Hts. HOME 7:30	December 16
VACATION STARTS	December 16
Hockey, Valley Forge AWAY 4:30	December 18
Wrestling match, Bedford AWAY 7:30	December 21
Basketball tournament at Byron 7:30	December 22
Basketball, Lakewood AWAY 6:45	December 23
Christmas	December 25
Basketball, Midpark AWAY 6:45	December 30
NEW YEAR'S DAY	January 1
School opens	January 3
Basketball, Parma AWAY 6:45	January 6
Wrestling, Midpark HOME 7:30	January 6
Swim meet, Midpark HOME 7:30	January 6
Hockey, Normandy HOME 5:00	January 7
Martin Luther King Day (SCHOOLS CLOSED)	January 16



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# Student Council President Replies

By Ron Holman

In the November 29, 1977 issue of *The Shakerite*, there appeared an editorial written by Ellen Medearis entitled "Call To Order." Much of what Ms. Medearis stated cannot be denied, while at the same time some of her information was not accurately addressed. Furthermore, I feel adamant that her editorial omitted many of the positive accomplishments of this year's Council.

The editorial's author remarked that Student Council has directed most of its energy towards social events. Much of the beginning of the year was spent discussing and developing the carnival, which was overwhelmingly successful. At the same time, the carnival played an important role in helping to create a unique and positive attitude among students. Council has recently begun to seriously direct its attention to matters not related to social functions. The editorial discusses the "plaguing" problem of Shaker ID requirements. Several weeks ago, Student Council adopted a proposal recommended by a special task force, which would allow each Shaker student possessing a Student ID to admit one guest — regardless of whether that guest is another Shaker student or a

student who attends a different high school. Presently, we are awaiting a response from the Administration.

The editorial describes several of the last Council meetings as "chaotic." The increased number of Council members, the required attendance of Committee Chairmen and the rather large number of guests and observers are all factors contributing to the confusion at the meetings. It must be recognized that whenever large numbers of individuals gather to discuss issues, the meetings are bound to be somewhat "chaotic." Although there is no clear answer, steps have been taken to correct this problem. It was also stated that "disorganization" has been another prevailing problem. Although Ms. Medearis may be unaware, this year's Council is actually more organized than those of previous years. Meetings were held over the summer, and Council has decided to meet Sunday evenings and Monday afternoons. In addition to the regular Wednesday meetings, additionally guidelines have been established for Council procedure, Council representatives, Committee Chairmen, and Advisory Group Officers. Moreover, Council regularly has minutes, reflecting

accurately the discussion of each meeting. The author states in her editorial, "The agenda often has proven unsatisfactory to one member and therefore amended." This statement is a clear example of misunderstanding on her part. It must be considered that Student Council is a democracy, a system which allows for changes, even those proposed by a "single member." Student Council is not a dictatorship. Majority opinion has prevailed, and will always prevail. There are many internal problems with Council, but I feel that these problems are not insurmountable. Student Council Officers, Council Members, and Committee Chairmen will continue to strive towards finding solutions. As stated previously, the editorial disregards many of Council's positive points, to which I will briefly address myself.

To begin with, Student Council has developed an Advisory Group System. The purpose of this additional representation is to serve as another link between students and Council members. The AG officers have spent a great deal of time on this system, and it has begun to show its importance.

Recently, Council has devoted its time to the issue of a voting

representative for the Alternative School. After receiving a recommendation of adoption for this representative, and many moments of tense and heated discussion, Council amended the constitution, allowing for such a representative to serve as a voting member.

At the beginning of the year, Council approved the charter for the Political Awareness Club. There was much discussion, but the general consensus was that the existence of this club was essential to increasing the awareness of students. In addition, Student Council will continue to review new club charters, and assist clubs, whenever possible.

Student Council, through the aid of the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee, has begun to deal with the smoking ventilation problem, expressing our serious concerns to the Administration and the school board. The smoke which constantly surrounds the school does not present a favorable image, and Student Council will continue to pressure whomever it is necessary to pressure until ventilation is provided.

The author of the editorial failed to comment on the many constructive projects being worked on

by Student Council Committees. All of the committee chairmen have exemplified fine leadership. There was no mention of the Welfare Committee's United Torch Drive, producing \$827.00. This amount was the most raised in the last five years, and the upcoming Blood Drive promises to bring more favorable results. Ms. Medearis neglected the topic of teacher evaluations being currently discussed by the Curriculum Committee or the exchange with a Canadian School, coordinated by the Student Exchange Committee. I feel that Council has begun to serve the needs of the students by approving a concept for different college sessions, which will allow Shaker students to gain information about the colleges they are interested in from Shaker alumni. The newsletter has helped to increase student awareness of Council. It will continue to do this. The Mini-Course (Career-Awareness) Day, scheduled for April, will provide students with a different type of education. These are some of many projects Council is focusing its attention on.

There are many internal problems with Council, but I feel they can be corrected. Even with these problems, Council has accomplished a great deal. The entire process is slow yet steady; I feel that this student body will witness still more achievements before June. Only by participating on committees and attending the weekly Wednesday meetings, can one accurately evaluate the "real" role of Council and its members. I strongly urge everyone to become involved and judge this relevant matter for himself.

## Understanding Shaker's Other School

By Stephen Mikiethun

What is the School-Within-a-School program? It is a learning center. This learning center has been and continues to be taken for granted by many teachers, students, and residents of Shaker who are not directly aware as to what is going on in the School-Within-a-School (SWS). I am directly related to what is going on in the SWS, and I would like to express my views on the alternative mode of education we so fortunately possess at Shaker.

To understand my enthusiasm, you must have a little history. In my last year at Woodbury, I received good grades, swam for three hours a day and had a morning paper route. A real All-American youth! But it did not mean a thing. In tenth grade, I embarked on a year of missing school. I cut at least half of my classes. Needless to say, my

grades went down, but grades never meant much to me, so I did not care. This was the bases of my selection of the Alternative School.

The SWS was established to help students such as myself who have average or better than average intelligence, but for some reason do not succeed in the traditional school setting. The work one is assigned is at the level and rate that best suits the individual capabilities of the student. Since the student body of the SWS has average or better intelligence, the program only issues grades of A, B, or C. This does not mean that the student will get at least a grade of a C. If the student does not satisfactorily complete at least C work, he or she will receive no credit, or an incomplete. I feel this is more motivating than low marks, like D or F.

To insure the success of the learning center, the administrators who initiated the SWS arranged for a lower student-teacher ratio. This is so the student could develop a more personal relationship with the teachers. Last year, the student-teacher ratio was about 12 to 1; this year, because of a larger student enrollment, the ratio has grown to about 18 to 1. Personally, I feel that the individual student-teacher relationship is a major strength of the program.

The program, however, was not established just for the above reasons. The SWS was also instituted to combat more serious difficulties, such as the problem of truancy. The way in which the

program fights unexcused absences is that for every minute a student misses he or she makes up two. No credit is issued until every minute has been made up.

In closing, I would like to say that the SWS has helped me greatly. The school has enlightened me to the value of education, not the piece of paper I will receive at the end of this year telling the world I graduated, but education itself. Also, I know that the program has helped many other students. If you are not familiar with the structure of the SWS program, please talk with someone who knows the program and not to someone who may have heard rumors about the SWS.

## TIME TO SHOW A LITTLE COMPASSION

By Doug Grossman

Do people really care about each other? The killing in New York that occurred while many people stood by and watched seems to indicate that people are willing to care only as long as it does not interfere with their own lives. Even though this incident took place in New York, this type of unconcern for humanity is present in our community.

We are always told to stop and think before we act; however, many of our actions come from emotional responses. People must take the time to put themselves in the other person's shoes in order to gain a better understanding of why a person behaves in a certain manner. In many cases, a person who criticizes another's decision might have made that same choice if their roles had been different. Because people in authority are forced to deal with people every day, they are given special psychological training that is designed to help them understand all types of people, but they are no different from the rest of the people. Everybody must learn to live with everybody else. A policeman does not like to be called a pig anymore than anyone else would like to be called by an derogatory name. But on the other hand, a student does not like to be

pushed around by a teacher who is just testing his own authority.

People are becoming too self-centered; they must learn to do things for the benefit of other people as well as for themselves. This does not mean that a person must give up all of his possessions and devote all his time and energy to helping other people, but rather that a person should try to understand people and treat them in the same manner as he wishes to be treated. A person who is only after personal gain will end up stepping on a great number of people in order to achieve his goal. If this type of behavior prevailed, our lives would consist of nothing more than one fight after another. It was very interesting to see the shocked faces of some students when one girl in a class persuaded the teacher to do something for the benefit of some other students when it was of no concern to her; obviously, this action is not customary.

In order to survive, people must learn to live together. This existence could be made a lot easier if people would show some courtesy when dealing with others. Furthermore, if each man could learn to give a little, many of our problems might be eliminated.

## Sadat's Visit Causes Mixed Emotions

By Ronit Inbar

The Israelis, who are usually pessimistic when it comes to politics, were overwhelmed when Sadat visited Israel. The Egyptian president was the first Arab leader to come to Israel since it was established in 1948. The tremendous excitement was the result of the surprising an unexpected move of the Arab leader. We were so used to a negative response to our attempts for direct talks that people ceased to believe it was possible.

The conflict between the Israelis and the Arabs is based on historical, cultural, and economic differences, but the main difficulty is the involvement of several super powers in the area. That is why the success of the talks is quite doubtful. Also, other Arab countries did not join the Egyptians. On the contrary, Sadat was strongly criticized by radical leaders like the Syrians and Lybians, not mentioning the P.L.O. Even Jordan, which is considered moderate, couldn't accept Sadat's invitation to Cairo with the Israelis, because the pressure is too great. And so, though the event is really thrilling, my enthusiasm is mixed with questioning.

Still, I believe very strongly that peace is achievable, and every approach — talks or any other contact — is worthwhile. The best way to reach each other is the direct way. I hope both sides will get together, and then will get to know each other, learn how to compromise, and reach a peace resolution. It sounds unrealistic, but it is possible, and Sadat's visit and his invitation for the involved nations to visit Cairo are the first steps.

Editor's Note - Ronit Inbar is an exchange student from Israel.

## SHAKERITE NOTICE

A Shakerite fee will be instituted in January due to the rising costs of publication and the declining interest in advertising. The paper has found it increasingly difficult to operate on its limited income. If the Shakerite does not improve its financial situation, state law will require that it cease to publish.

This year the Shakerite's total expenses will exceed \$3500. Although the student fee will cover less than half the paper's ex-

penditure, it will supplement the advertising income sufficiently for the paper to continue publication.

The Shakerite is an essential organization to the school. It contributes greatly to the on-going student life at Shaker, and it serves as a vital organ of communication in this school. With your help the Shakerite will be able to continue its 48-year tradition of fine high school journalism.

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# JOIN A WINNING TEAM λόγος

Shaker Student A - I think the new rules stink.  
Shaker Student B - You're just being ridiculous. They are good.  
A - Making Shaker into a prison is good!?

B - How about reducing the number of class failures, class cutters, keeping smoking under control...

A - Under control! I nearly choked to death every time I go near the stupid "horizontal egress!"

B - You're PIGHEADED!

C - How are you guys doing?

B - We're discussing this year's school policies.

A - And he is an ignorant (expletive deleted) stupid (deleted)...

B - And he is a (absolutely and totally unprintable.)

C - If you're going to argue why don't you join the debate team?

A and B - What's the debate team?

C - The debate team is a group of students who participate in a variety of events. You can debate (there are four different levels from beginner to varsity), read poetry and prose, do a humorous or dramatic routine, give an original speech or deliver someone else's, do some duet acting, or just give a speech off-the-cuff. It's a chance to develop your speaking ability and compete with students from all over the city. Each week Dr. Strater takes the entire Shaker team to a tournament to compete with 10 to 15 other schools. And there are trophies for the top finishers.

A - Tell me more.

C - Tournaments are held every Saturday from the morning until early afternoon. Debaters debate the question of health care, but for the other events you can talk about anything you like.

By Doug Falkner

B - Can I join?

C - Any one can join and Coach Strater guarantees everyone the chance to compete at least once. I participated just last week. It's exciting; there's a lot of team spirit, comradeship, and fun. And there's sincere encouragement when you feel scared for the first time. Just see Dr. Strater in room 308 or talk to Captain Bruce Griffin about it. You could have a good time and maybe learn a little bit.

B - Sounds good. I'll see you; I'm signing up now. (He leaves).

A - It figures. He leaves just when he's about to lose the argument. He'll never admit to a loss.

C - Well, can you?

A - Well...uh...uh...I think I'm going to sign up with the debate team. (He trots away.)

C - (To each and all) How about you?

## the first mascot

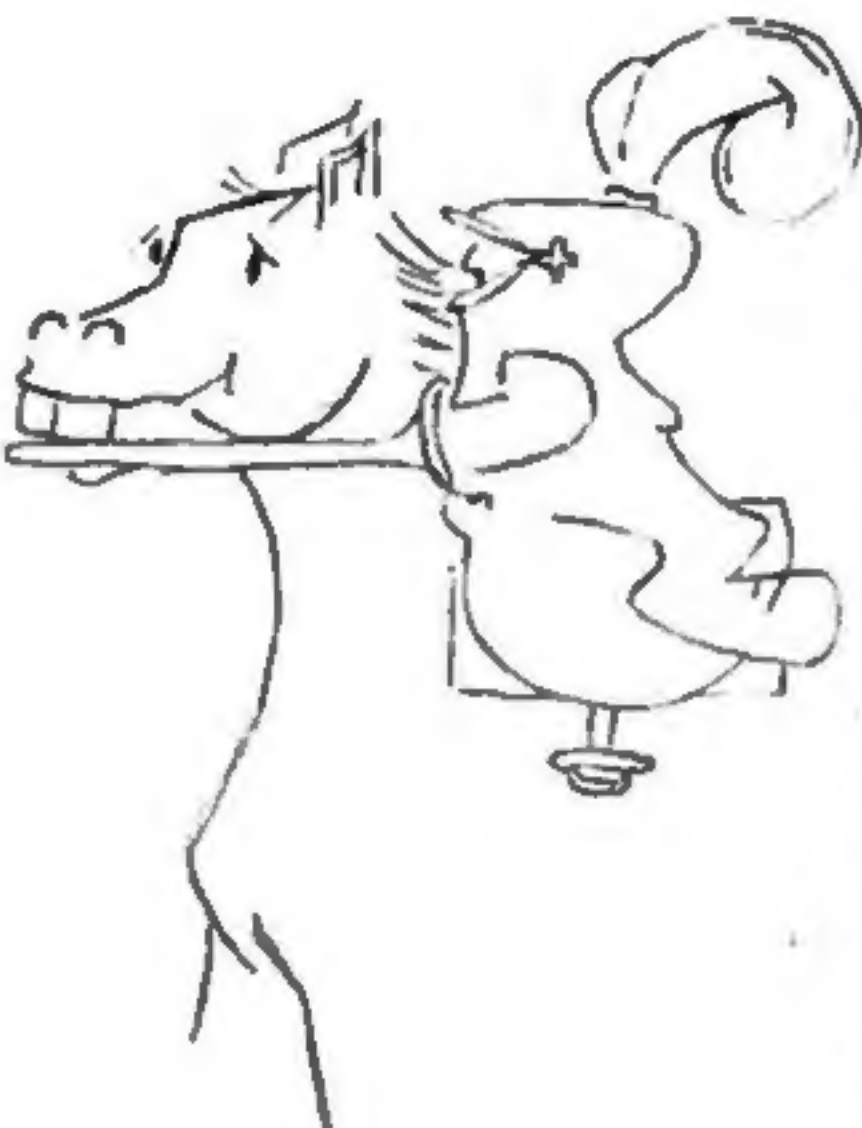
For the first time in Shaker's history, the Red Raiders are going to have a mascot. She's already picked out and all she needs is a costume and a horse. The costume is being made, but the horse will take some doing. Sophomore Nancy Halbin is Shaker's first mascot. Nancy will cheer with the cheerleaders and will try to pep up the fans any way she can. She got the job of mascot by the process of elimination. She was the only one to try out! An announcement was made telling all Shakerites when

By Ethel Adrine

and where to report and asking for a little gymnastic ability.

"When I went, the cheerleaders asked me why I wanted to be the mascot and if I could make my own costume." Nancy said, when asked about the tryouts, "I still have to make my skirt, but my red tunic is finished. I'm going to try to get a lance if I can."

Nancy will begin cheering as soon as her costume is ready. She will accompany the cheerleaders to all away games as well as home games.



## Record Rap

By SCOTT FINE

This month's releases mark the return of a fallen legend, and the fall of one of today's biggest groups. Rick Wakeman's activities since his re-affiliation with Yes have been concentrated in a direct and basic renovation of his musical endeavors. Criminal Records, Wakeman's fifth solo album, seems to be from his earlier career at first listen. Its clearer and cleaner approach is a change from his recent flops as is demonstrated in his last endeavor, White Rock. Wakeman is aided on Records by Chris Squire and Alan White (both Yes men) and once again his style is most definitely Yes-ish. Records seems to take over where his first two solo albums - Six Wives of Henry the Eighth and Journey to the Centre of the Earth - left off, creating an outlet for one of the most talented and creative keyboardists of our times.

Wakeman's more direct style is much more successful than his past attempts, what with his forty-piece orchestras and thirty-member choirs, not to mention a ten-piece band to boot. On "Birdman of Alcatraz" we find Uncle Rick going the solo route on piano, and it is here that his potential is unfolded, for Wakeman can metaphorically mesmerize the listener with images and voices from other places and other times. Criminal Records is not only the perfect gift for the Yes fanatic; it is the ideal present for all who enjoy creative yet entrancing music.

Emerson, Lake, and Palmer's Works, Volume II, however, has got to be the disappointment of 1977. With what should have been entitled Songs Which We Didn't

Feel Fit to Release, Vol. I (it wouldn't fit on the album cover), the group's ninth album comes as a complete shock following the success of Works, Vol. I released earlier this year. Half of the twelve tracks present (yes, this is a single album!) have been previously released on various E.P.'s over the past few years. Of the remaining six songs, two were not written by Emerson, Lake or Palmer, leaving four tracks. One of these entitled "Brain Salad Surgery" sounds like an out take from the album of the same name. It sounds as if it were from that period (circa 1974), yet its overall attractiveness is nil.

The other three cuts range from two Carl Palmer compositions, which, for the umpteenth time, display his diverse percussion abilities, to a Greg Lake ballad, "Watching Over You" which falls into the depths of obscurity due to its adhesion to Lake's seemingly unalterable formula for ballads which has been heard on uncountable occasions.

The only two really good cuts on the album are Lake's "I Believe in Father Christmas", and "Show Me the Way to Go Home", an Irving King classic. "Father Christmas" appeared on a Greg Lake E.P. two years ago and is one of his finest works penned to date. "Show Me the Way to Go Home" is an appropriate album closer, for if you hear this album at a friend's house, you'll ask him to do as the title suggests. What else can I say? Works, Vol II needs work, and if ELP don't pull themselves together they will soon be looking for the same.

## THE MYSTERY FINALLY ENDS

By Caroline Frank and Joey Lampi

Within a few days, aided by my diligent research, acute perception and useful clues, I had discovered the murderer and his motives. I decided that the most appropriate place to reveal the facts would be at one of our daily discussion groups, with the lieutenant in charge of the case attending. With all eyes focused on myself, I proceeded:

"Mr. Mulvaney, " I began, "when I first visited you on the morning following the crime, I noticed you were a bit nervous. I have since heard about your embarrassing accident in the cafeteria. It was unfortunate that

led to your pregnancy. Your child, I discovered, is now in the care of foster parents."

"But I didn't kill her!" Miss Kendall exclaimed. "Yes, I hated her. She forced me out of the house pregnant and with no place to go. I'll admit that I'm glad she's dead, but it wasn't me who killed her. If you had investigated more carefully, you would have known that I was at the hospital all night tending to a sick resident from our home."

"Well, Miss Kendall, I must truly be a good investigator, for I knew of this fact. Your alibi is sound." Miss Kendall sat back with a sigh

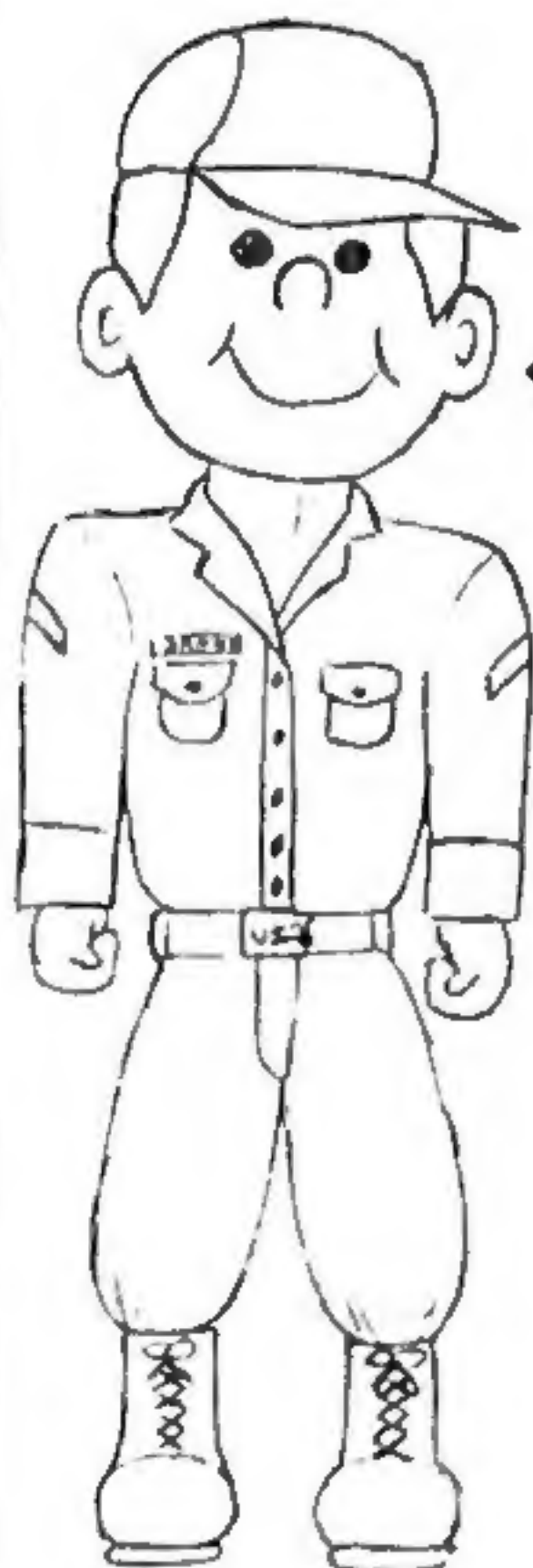
your arthritis caused you to drop your breakfast tray all over your clothes. This incident explained the fact that you were doing your laundry in the middle of the day. You can relax, Mr. Mulvaney, You are not under any suspicion." Miss Kendall and Miss Rickman exchanged glances.

"Miss Kendall, I come next to you. Your odd digressions caused me to do a little research into your past. I discovered that you had been employed as a housekeeper at Miss Gifford's estate. You were fired amidst a scandal concerning a love affair with Miss Gifford's youngest brother, that supposedly

of relief. Suddenly all eyes were upon Sonia Rickman.

"How long has Sonia Rickman been your cover-up, Rudolph Reichman? You see, lieutenant," I said turning to the policeman, "Miss Rickman is actually a Nazi war criminal who presided over the concentration camp where Miss Gifford was sent long before she became an American citizen, and acquired her wealth. Your disguise as a female is convincing, but I have never yet met a woman who raises the toilet seat. This small mistake first set me on the right track of your actual identity.

The night of the murder, I realized that only a man could have lifted Miss Gifford's frame out of the wheelchair, over the rail, and into the pool. The facts began to fall into place, your oversized clothing, and excessive cosmetics. I recall now that Miss Gifford seemed to shudder in your very presence. Yes, you killed Miss Gifford, Rudolph Reichman. She recognized your true identity and you feared that she would eventually expose you. You are an evil man and many of us have suffered a great loss because of your vicious act. Take him away officer."



Well, after a few weeks of enjoying last summer's relaxation, I was ready to take on the role of "Danny Soldier" and begin an adventurous life in the Army. I didn't have to pack much because the Army provided about everything from boots to bed. The end of my airplane trip was at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, just one of the many Army basic combat training centers. Glad I ended up there, though: See, women train there too, so my social life didn't go down the tubes. Sure, we trained hard; but we had free time to enjoy also. Sound good? See SFC Herbert Lamons, 4098 Lee Road, Cleveland, 921-4245.

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# A NIGHT WITH THE KIDDIES

Faced with absolutely nothing to do Saturday night, we the writers decided to stake our social reputations by attending the school play, knowing full well that this activity was not "in vogue". But as they say, "nothing ventured, nothing gained." So we quickly rushed home, grabbed our little sisters (to the shock of our parents), and raced to the play, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown."

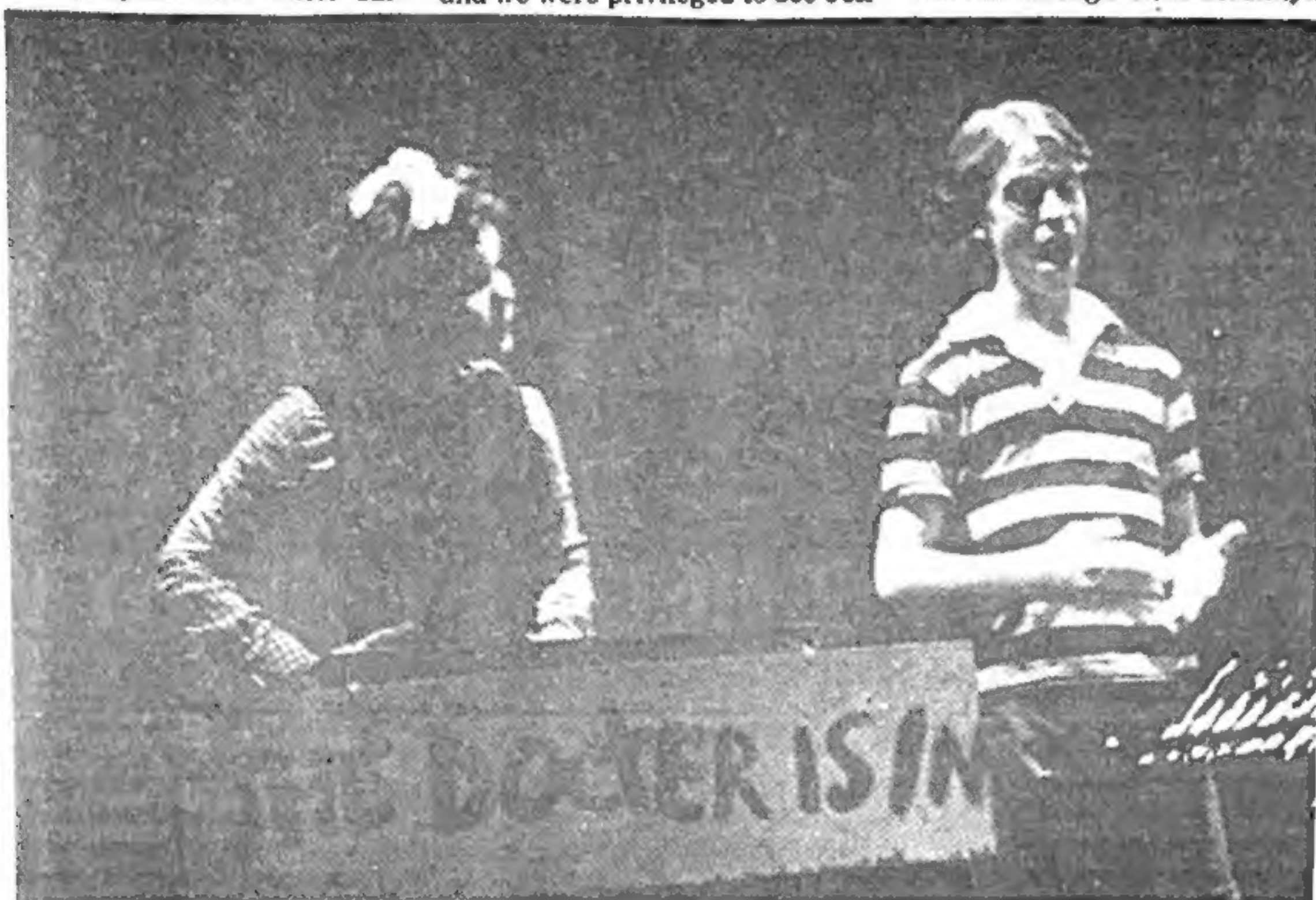
As soon as we entered the auditorium and viewed the audience we were relieved to realize that the word of our presence could be communicated through elementary school channels. After taking our seats and changing the diaper of the young man sitting next to us, we were ready to soak in the play. The play opened with several comic-strip-like sketches, and we became glued to our seats. The children in our row, who were pasting together paper dolls, had accidentally spilled the whole six-

pack of Elmer's on our pants. By the time we got back from washing up in the little boy's room, the play was well into the second and last act. And just as we were sitting down, the young lady on the other side of us complained shriekingly for a "dwink of water." Being good samaritans, we could not refuse and out again we went leading seven thirsty children to the drinking fountain, like Pied Pipers. We hoisted the kids one by one so they could reach the water. Then, after a brief tour of the school, the children decided they wanted to return to the auditorium. When we got there, the play was long over, the auditorium was locked and dark, and we saw the director Thomas Beckner driving away. We felt so bad about missing the play that we turned down the kids' offer for cookies and milk at their place and decided to go straight to the cast party to interview the actors.

Actually, we arrived a bit early, and we were privileged to see Jeff

By Phil Dolin and

Spiegler, the stage manager, and the "crew" setting up lights for the party. The actors started appearing from stage left, and we quickly ran over to get a play report from Keith Berner, alias Charlie Brown. When asked for his opinion, he replied, "I cannot tell you right now because I'm not well rested. And when I'm not well rested I can't think well. Maybe tomorrow." Thinking we didn't get quite enough out of Keith, we ran over to question Lucy, who was played by M.J. Reynolds. She screamed at the top of her lungs, but we persisted, and asked her to tell us what she thought of the play, in ten words or more. She said in a slightly lower voice, "I thought the play was very, very, very, very, very good." Next we talked to Dennis Hall, who was Linus. He said and we quote, "The psycho-social ramifications of You're a Good Man Charlie Brown becomes evident through close scrutiny..."



We left Dennis talking and went over to get some chips and pop. Sleeping under the table was Ken Sonkin, who played Schroeder. When pressed for a comment, he said, "This was a play about which, about ... like, it was like, it wasn't like Taxi Driver that much. Like you know the scene where Robert DeNiro is standing in front of the mirror, and he says, 'You talkin' to me, you talkin' to me? Well, I am the only one here.'"

See, the play is not like that at all. If you look closely, it just doesn't happen in our play."

Well, we had our story. We didn't get to talk to any of the others because we were told that John Terry was busy showing Debby Tinsley, Martin Alexander, Elliot Mitchell, Lynda Alfred, and Bev Harding the finer points of ... well...acting. (Not to mention Sheila Hecht.)

## welfare committee: a bloody success

By Hilary Mason

After two weeks of promotion by the Student Council and the Shaker Jazz Band, the Ohio State Jazz Band came to Shaker, fulfilling and surpassing all expectations. "I knew they were good, but I didn't expect this," was a frequent statement made by astonished audiophiles leaving the Large Auditorium after the concert. The band displayed a tremendous amount of technical ability as well as an amazing musical sense, the latter separating them from less impressive bands. Their repertoire ranged from the classic standard "On Green Dolphin Street" to a dirty blues number to "Return to Benthos", a modern, polyrhythmic piece written by John Emke, the band's pianist, currently doing graduate work at O.S.U. Especially notable was their interpretation of Chick Corea's "La

By Chuck Carpenter  
Fiesta", which received a standing ovation. An element of humor was ever-present: if not in the music, then in the musicians. After the intermission, a trombone player and a trumpet player came back to the stand dressed as a pitcher and catcher, having "stolen" various props from the show "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown".

The Large Auditorium was nearly filled with Shaker students, although an appreciable number of students and adults were from other nearby areas, since concerts of this quality are infrequent. Due credit ought to be given for their excellent promotion to the Jazz Band and Student Council. If you missed the concert this time, take my advice and see them the next time they come into town.

During this semester, which will end soon, many people have complained about the Student Council. The objections raised have been valid in many cases, but more importantly, they have been presented by students who are active in Shaker's various activities and interested in the well-being of the school. This reflects the increasing number of students who are becoming involved in school related organizations.

The Welfare Committee's success this year is another example. The school did not reach the committee's goal for the United Torch Drive, but more money was raised this year than last. Once again the Welfare Committee set

very high goals for the Red Cross Bloodmobile which came Thursday, December 15. Success in this drive will be another for the school and for the Red Cross which appreciated every pint of blood given.

The Charity Drive is also ending this week. This was a group effort through which the spirit and generosity of the Advisory Groups was realized. The Welfare Committee hopes that the winning Advisory Groups in the United Torch Drive in October will not achieve recognition so easily this month. Everyone can and should give something. Even though we do not all celebrate the same holidays it is an excellent opportunity for us

to join in the spirit of giving during the most difficult financial period of the year. Now is the time for Shakerites to donate the things no longer wanted or needed to people who will appreciate them.

The United Torch Drive, Charity Drive, and the Bloodmobile are all activities we can participate in because we want to. This year the Shaker student body that cares can and is making a difference in its organizations. It has the incentive to go after what it wants, and to criticize what it has to improve. So, before these opportunities to give to others, so they can help themselves, are lost, take advantage of them.

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# "i" on sports

by Alan Inglis

With a decisive 10-3 victory over Bay Village on December 3, the Shaker Hockey team seems to have finally returned to its true form following a suprising 6-5 loss to Normandy. Behind strong goal tending by Doug Grossman, and much needed fan support, the Red Raiders could have an excellent season after all.

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The Shaker Intramural Basketball League season got under way on Saturday, December 3 without any major troubles. Beside the SAT's and snow, everything went well, and the following is the standings after the first week:

TEAM	WIN	LOSE	PTS. FOR	PTS. AG.
<b>Division I</b>				
Swish II	1	0	51	19
Cavs	1	0	66	41
Barrel of Honkies	0	1	41	66
Garber's Goons	0	1	19	51
<b>Division II</b>				
Antagonists	1	0	36	28
No Names	1	0	36	35
Enforcers	0	1	35	36
Cellar Dwellers	0	1	28	36
Late Entry	0	1	27	84
<b>Division III</b>				
Nuggetts II	1	0	46	27
Too Hot to Handle	1	0	32	31
Great White Hope	1	0	42	26
Eastside Bombers	0	1	31	32
Volunteers	0	1	26	42
<b>Division IV</b>				
Blazers	1	0	84	27
Brewmeisters	1	0	53	14
Lunies	1	0	57	23
Spoilers	0	1	27	46
Riders of Rohan	0	2	37	110



The referee threw up the ball, and the Shaker basketball season is under way!

## B-Ballers Look Strong

By Steve Brown

The 1977-1978 Red Raider basketball team appears to be one of the strongest squads at Shaker in recent years. Thus far, the defending Lake Erie League champions have been victorious in their initial three games.

In the opener, the Raiders beat Warrensville 71-68 before a full house at the Shaker Arena. The game was followed by an exciting 68-66 overtime defeat of JFK, which had been ranked eighth in the nation by one national publication. Most recently, Shaker defeated a scrappy Valley Forge unit 55-44 in their league opener.

Starters on the team are Eric King, Orlando Lowry, Michael Mills, Junnie Poindexter, and Captain Morris Thompson. The other team members are: Craig Moore, David Williams, Melvin Kelly, Marvin King, Larry Floyd, Everett Telfair, Clyde Gresham, Michael Lilly, Chris Nance, and Jimmy Pugh. Coaching the Raiders is Fred Heinlen.

When asked to comment about his team, Coach Heinlen replied, "We are not going to be as smooth as people would like all the time, but we will run. We will force the ball which leads to the errors, but this will smooth out as the season goes along."

Commenting on just how good his team will be, Coach Heinlen said, "We will only be as good as our rebounding." Rebounding has been a problem so far, but there were definite signs of improvement in the Valley Forge game.

Shaker also has another undefeated basketball team. The J.V.'s coached by Chuck Richard have won their first three games, including a 61-41 win over Valley Forge. Its members are Kevin Newbill, Bob Williams, Marcus Jackson, Ken Roy, Steve Murphy, Vince Thomas, Greg Campbell, Michael Adams, Richard Hitchens, Terry Thomas, Bradford Giddings, and David Payne.

It has been a good beginning for the Red Raider basketball teams. If they maintain some degree of consistency the Shaker teams could go far this year.

## Watson Speaks: "Swimming Team Amazing"

By Jay Watson and David Hertz

The Shaker Raider swimming season started this year with a meet against Maple Heights. The swimmers' decisive victory, 116- to 52, is definitely an omen of their upcoming season. The team swam nearly flawlessly, their only losses being in the 100 freestyle and the diving competition.

The Raiders started their onslaught with a 1-2 slam of the first event, the 200-medley relay. The winning team consisted of Paul Tucker - backstroke, Ron Robbins - breaststroke, Mark Bombelles - fly, and Jay Watson - freestyle. The entire team was then amazed when David Ginn, captain and renowned sprinter, attempted and suc-

cessfully completed 200 yards of freestyle. Even more amazing was the speed with which Dave swam; however, he still was touched out by winner Jerome Koleski and by David Kruse. To add to the slamming of both of the first two events the duo of Jay Watson and Paul Tucker 1-2'ed in the 200 individual medley. Jay Watson turned out a time that proved fast enough to win. Didi Gravenstein and Chris Cameron then proceeded to finish 1-2 in the 50 freestyle. Didi Gravenstein was the victor. Jim Duncan, diving with a sprained ankle, and novice Dave Chew were subject to what some believed to be biased judging

and consequently could only get a third and fourth respectively. Dave Hertz and Watson avenged the divers' mishaps by annihilating Maple Heights in the 100 fly. They placed first and second, respectively. Then Maple Heights, to the amazement of all concerned, won their first swimming event, the 100 freestyle. Next on the agenda was the 500 freestyle. Shaker showed its true colors with a first, second, and third. Captain Gravenstein won followed by Jerome Koleski and David Kruse. Paul Tucker followed the 500 with a victory in the 100 backstroke. In the 100 breaststroke Mark Bombelles decisively beat the best that Maple Heights had.

Shaker's first swim meet of the 77-78 season ended with a victory in the 400 freestyle relay. The winning team consisted of Chris Upson, Ron Robbins, David Kruse, and Steve Miklethun. Other respective times were turned in by John Kruse in the 100 fly, Brian Eckley in the 100 freestyle, Hutton Parke in the 100 freestyle, Joel Solomon in the 100 backstroke, and Todd Osterdad and Ken Bumby, in both the 50 and 100 exhibition freestyles. There was no JV meet.

The Raiders will swim against Cleveland Heights at home, tonight, in a non-LEL meet. It will be held at Woodbury. Come and see the Raiders extend their streak.

## Hockey Team Returns to Winning Form

By Doug Krejsa

The Red Raider Hockey Team came off of a nerve-racking 6-5 upset at the hands of Normandy to crush Euclid 5-1, and blister previously undefeated Bay Village 10-3.

In the loss to Normandy, Shaker took a reported 102 shots at the Normandy goal, but could only shake the nets 5 times. Normandy took only twelve shots on goal. The following day Keith Abood and Bob Glaser each scored two goals and sophomore David Wipper added one as Shaker returned to form. In their next game, Shaker went up against the undefeated Bay Rockets, a team that is supposed to be one of the stronger units in the Western Division of the High School Hockey Association. Shaker jumped out to a 2-0 lead and held it until the end of the first period. Then Bay fought back to a 3-2 margin in favor of Shaker at the end of the second period. But Shaker's tremendous power and talent proved to be too much for the Rockets as the Raiders went on to win with Dave Wipper and Scott Clelen each picking up three goals apiece followed by Abood with two and Scott Schultz and Ken Murray each picking up one.

Although Shaker is playing well, Coach Mike Bartly says that the squad still has not reached its full potential yet. He stated, "It's still early and we have lots to work on, but we are in better shape and our passing and back-checking has improved." When asked about the strong and weak points of the team, Coach Bartly replied that the positional play and the goal tending are the teams strong points and the defense was the weak point. In order to strengthen his defense, the coach has converted two of his better skaters, Scott Schultz and Ken Murray, to defense and so far it seems to have worked while the move also hasn't hurt their scoring abilities with their goals in the last game serving as proof.



Mackie Bentley freezes the puck in the hockey opener against Euclid.



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